



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7809**
Herman WALDMANN et al. : **Docket No. 2001_0699**
Serial No. 09/125,460 : **Group Art Unit 1642**
Filed August 19, 1998 : **Examiner Larry R. Helms**

ANTIBODY VARIANTS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of November 12, 2002, the time for responding thereto being extended for three months in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 30 and 70, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly amend Claims 26 and 64.

26. (Amended) A method of producing a non-cell binding antibody for inducing immunological tolerance to a therapeutic antibody having affinity for a cell-surface antigen, said method comprising:

Fi identifying one or more amino acid residues of the therapeutic antibody which are involved in antigen binding, and

modifying one or more of the identified amino acid residues of the therapeutic antibody to obtain the non-cell binding antibody,